

TIME-TO-DEGREE EXTENSION FOR PARENTING DEMANDS

For more information, please read the [Parenting Accommodation](#) section of Graduate Division's website

The time-to-degree extension policy is designed to assist graduate students who have parenting responsibilities maintain continuous student status. Formally extending time-to-degree keeps students in good academic standing through the extension period. The total time-to-degree extension allowed is one year per child, up to a total of two years.

Eligibility Criteria

- Currently registered or on an approved non-Filing leave of absence
- Responsibility of 50% or more for the child. The child may be the student's child or that of a spouse or domestic partner.
- Parenting responsibilities that include one or more of the following circumstances:
 - Childbirth
 - Care of a child 5 years old and younger
 - Newly adopted or newly-placed foster child of any age
 - Care of a child 6 years or older who requires extraordinary parenting demands, such as a child with a serious illness or other exceptional circumstances

Terms and Conditions of a parenting time-to-degree extension

- Master's students may receive an extension of up to one year for completing the master's degree.
- Doctoral students may receive an extension of up to one year:
 - To pass preliminary examinations and qualifying examinations, **or**
 - Between advancement and completion while in candidacy.
- The total time-to-degree extension allowed is one year per child, up to a total of two years.
- International students meet with an [OISS](#) advisor to determine whether visa extension is necessary.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will a parenting time-to-degree extension effect my financial support?

- Departments are not obligated to fund you beyond their original funding offer, but they may do so if funding is available.
- You remain eligible to apply for/be nominated for Central Fellowships during the extension period (as long as you are otherwise qualified for that award).

Will a parenting time-to-degree extension effect my eligibility for IDRF?

Yes, your eligibility would be extended.

Am I allowed to request a parenting time-to-degree extension if I have more than one child?

Yes, you can ask for one year of extension per child up to a maximum of 2 years.

I am an international student, will a parenting time-to-degree extension effect my visa status?

International students may need to amend their I-20s, please consult with an [OISS](#) representative.

I live in student housing, will I be allowed to stay longer if a parenting time-to-degree extension is approved?

Not necessarily. Housing contracts are not within Graduate Division's purview, you will need to contact [housing](#).

If I take a parenting leave of absence, can I also be granted a parenting time-to-degree extension for the same child?

Yes.

My child is 2 years old and I just started my PhD program. Can I apply for a parenting time-to-degree extension even though it's my first quarter at UCSB?

Yes, you can apply for the extension at any time as long as you meet the eligibility criteria.

I received a parenting time-to-degree extension prior to advancing to candidacy. Am I eligible to request an additional time-to-degree extension post advancement if my child is still age 5 or younger?

No, you can only request one extension per child.

Will a parenting time-to-degree extension also extend my P2 status?

No, P2 status is based on registered quarters so if students remain enrolled, the extension quarters will count against the [P2-to-P3 count](#). However, if a student is on an approved non-Filing leave of absence during the extension period, the leave quarters will [extend P2 status](#).

TIME-TO-DEGREE EXTENSION REQUEST FOR PARENTING DEMANDS

Name: _____ Perm: _____ International Student VISA: _____
Must obtain OISS signature below

UMail: _____ Major: _____ Degree Obj: _____

I have 50% or more responsibility for a child/children and am requesting a time-do-degree extension for:

- One Year
- Two Years *(only if you currently have more than 1 eligible child)*

Reason:

- Childbirth, care of a child/children 5 years old or younger *(attach copy of birth certificate*)*
- Care of a newly adopted or newly placed foster child/children of any age *(attach copy of adoption or foster paperwork*)*
- Serious illness of a child who is 6 years old or older *(attach physician's note*)*
- Other circumstance *(please explain below, attach documentation as necessary*)*

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of requesting a time-to-degree extension for parenting demands:

Student's Signature _____ **Date** _____

** All birth certificates, physicians' notes, adoption paperwork, etc. will be shredded after the petition is processed*

GRADUATE PROGRAM APPROVAL

I have read the Terms and Conditions for requesting a parenting demand time-to-degree extension and certify that the above graduate student is eligible.

Department Chair or Graduate Advisor: _____
Type or Print Name Signature Date

OISS Representative: _____
Type or Print Name Signature Date

GRADUATE DIVISION New TTD Master's _____ (years) PhD Advancement _____ (years) PhD completion _____ (years)

Approve
 Deny

Signature Date

No fee

Documentation rec'd
Verify major ttd from ttd table, record NEW TTD in years and quarters MA _____ ADV _____ PHD _____
 Entered quarter total in database years / quarters years / quarters years / quarters